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PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: 16869P-042900US
Client Ref. No.: 210000749US1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Takenori HIROSE, et al.

Application No.: 10/081,385

Filed: February 20, 2002

For: FILM THICKNESS MEASURING
METHOD AND APPARATUS, AND THIN
FILM DEVICE MANUFACTURING
METHOD AND MANUFACTURING
APPARATUS USING SAME

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 9702

Examiner: Hwa S. Lee

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 9, 2005 on the above-referenced application, for which a **Petition to Extend Time** for two months is enclosed, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

Enclosures include a Petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) and a Statement under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) following page 13 of this paper.